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In Re Application  
of:

William Kopaciewicz

Serial No.: Not yet assigned  
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Examiner: Not yet assigned

For: CAST MEMBRANE STRUCTURES FOR SAMPLE PREPARATION

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BOX: ☒ Patent Application

☐ Provisional ☐ Design ☐ Sequence

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing, please find:

☒ A Utility Patent Application.

If this is a continuing application, please check appropriate  
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☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part  
of prior application U.S. Serial No. 09/007,320 filed  
January 15, 1998

☐ A Design Patent Application.

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Including the following:

☐ Provisional Application Cover Sheet.

☒ New or Revised specification, including pages 32 & 33 containing:

☐ Specification

☒ Claims

☐ Abstract

☐ A copy of earlier application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ Filed \_\_\_\_\_ to which no new matter has been added, TOGETHER WITH a copy of the executed oath or declaration for such earlier application and all drawings and appendices. Such earlier application is hereby incorporated into the present application by reference.

☒ A copy of executed oath or declaration for earlier application Serial No. 09/007,320 Filed January 15, 1998. The entire disclosure of such earlier application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the present application and is hereby incorporated into the present application by reference.

☒ Please enter the following amendment to the Specification under the Cross Reference to Related Applications section (or create such a section): **"This application is a Continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/007,320 filed January 15, 1998"**

☒ Signed Statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application.

☐ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

☒ Nineteen (19) Sheet(s) of Drawings.

☐ Petition to Accept Photographic Drawings.  
☐ Petition Fee

☐ An ☐ Executed ☐ Unexecuted Declaration or Oath and Power of Attorney.

☐ An Associate Power of Attorney.

☐ An Executed Assignment of the Invention to:

☐ A Recordation Form Cover Sheet.

☐ Recording Fee - \$40.00.

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☒ Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 of U.S. Provisional application serial no: 60/038,909 filed February 26, 1997

A certified copy of the foregoing application for which priority is claimed:

\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_ will be submitted in due course

\_\_\_\_\_ was filed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ was transmitted by the International Bureau under International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ An \_\_\_\_\_ Executed \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Earlier Statement Claiming Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27

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\_\_\_\_\_ has been filed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed \_\_\_\_\_, said status is still \_\_\_\_\_  
proper and desired in present case.

\_\_\_\_\_ Diskette Containing DNA/Amino Acid Sequence Information.

\_\_\_\_\_ Statement to Support submission of DNA/Amino Acid Sequence Information.

\_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Reference to Computer Readable Form.

\_\_\_\_\_ Information Disclosure Statement.

\_\_\_\_\_ Attached Form 1449.

\_\_\_\_\_ Copies of each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.

\_\_\_\_\_ Petition for Extension of Time for parent application, Together with the appropriate extension fee.

\_\_\_\_\_ Appended Materials as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ Return Receipt Postcard specifically itemized.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other as follows:

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FEE CALCULATION	<u>BASIC FEES</u>
Provisional Application	\$150.00
Design Application	\$310.00
Utility Application	\$760.00

For	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee				\$ 760.00
Total Claims	18 - 20	0	x \$18.00	= \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2 - 3	0	x \$78.00	= \$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims			+ \$260.00	= \$ 0.00
TOTAL FILING FEES				\$ 760.00

X A Check is enclosed in the amount of \$760.00.

X The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the following fees and to refund any overpayment associated with this communication or during the pendency of this application to deposit account 14-0930. This sheet is provided in duplicate.

\_\_\_\_\_ The foregoing amount due.

X Any additional filing fees required, including fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

X Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 or 1.20(d).

\_\_\_\_\_ The issue fee set in 37 C.F.R. 1.18 at the mailing of the Notice of Allowance.

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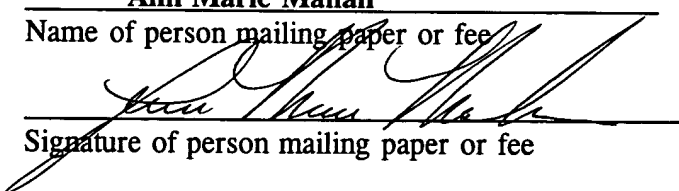
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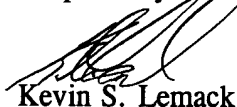
LETTER

The above-identified applicant enclose for filing a Continuation patent application entitled "CAST MEMBRANE STRUCTURES FOR SAMPLE PREPARATION". Said attached Continuation patent application includes (1) A Patent Application Transmittal Letter (5-Pages)(in duplicate); (2) A copy of prior application serial number 09/007,320: 34-page Specification (including 2-Pages of Claims (18) and 1-Page Abstract), 19-sheets of A4 size drawings and a copy of the executed combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (2-Pages); (3) Check in the amount of \$760.00 in payment of the Filing Fee; and (4) Statement Deleting Inventors (1-Page).

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2)

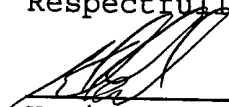
This application is being filed by fewer than all inventors named in prior Application No. 09/007,320. Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

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